

It is very rare to find ground which produces nothing; if it be not covered with flowers, with fruit trees or grain, it produces briars and weeds. It is the same with man; if he is not virtuous he is likely to be vicious.

It is a folly to shiver for last year's snow, for what is useless is dangerous.

Rev. Fr. Hilary Cassal, O.S.B., left the Mission on the 25th of May for a tour to his native Alsace.

The volume of religious statistics of the United States Census of 1890, issued in June, 1895, showed besides independent churches and miscellaneous congregations, 143 denominations, 165,177 organizations, 142,521 church buildings, valued at \$679,630,139, and 20,612,806 church members. To this may be added the net increase named in the denominational reports of 1890-94 of 17,331 churches, with 2,356,222 church members, making the number of churches in 1895, 182,508, and of church members, 22,969,082. The ten denominations in the United States having over 500,000 members each are as follows in round numbers: Roman Catholics, 6,250,000 (Hoffman's Catholic Directory gives 9,410,790); Methodists, 4,600,000; Baptists, 3,725,000; Presbyterians, 1,280,332; Lutherans, 1,230,000; Protestant Episcopalians, 540,000. Where are the millions of A. P. As. we hear so much spoken about? In some sick brains we opine. Again, where do the 43,040,118 other inhabitants of the United States worship? for, according to the last census, Uncle Sam has over 65,000,000 nephews and nieces. It takes all kinds of people to make a world. When we hear a man boast of the length of his ancestry we are reminded of the quaint saying of the farmer, "The older the seed the worse the crop." A straw will show which way the wind blows."

Rev. D. Gregory Gerrer, O.S.B., made his final vows on June 21st. He is now a monk in *Eternum*.

Two postulants received the white veil on the 17th of May last in St. Mary's Convent, Sacred Heart Mission. They intend to become Sisters of Mercy.

The statue of Pere Marquette is placed among the heroes of the nation, and the name of the immortal Jesuit is embalmed among the benefactors of humanity. What a lesson for the A. P. A. lodges to study.—*Catholic Review*.

What is the use of having the name of God in the Constitution if we drive Him out of all our public institutions?

A change of ministry in France is like the change of seasons. It comes surely and periodically.

A correspondent sends a rare bit of "Boston English." It was written by a woman in excusing her tardiness in answering an inquiry that had been addressed to her. "I would have written before, but I have been sick with a dog bite in the arm. The man that owns the saw-mill's dog bit me in the road."

On the feast of Corpus Christi, June 4th, twenty-two children made their first holy communion; the majority of them were Pottawatomie Indians.

Twenty-seven new members were enrolled in the League of the Sacred Heart May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrer, of El Reno, Oklahoma Territory, assisted at the solemn profession of their son Robert. As remarked elsewhere, D. Gregory made his perpetual vows on the feast of the Sacred Heart, June 12th.